Diversion of the road near the Vadakkancheri Railway Station.

359. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in widening the Shoranur-Anjal road the Department of Public Works had not suggested a deviation of the road between the level crossing at Vadakkancheri and the Vadakkancheri Railway station;

(b) whether there is not a big ascent in the road near the Roman Catholic Church at Vadakkancheri;

(c) whether the existing road is not very close to the Railway line;

(d) whether the Railway line is not at a much lower level than the existing road;

(e) whether there is not only a parapet wall between the road and the Railway line;

(f) whether the proposed deviation is not along level ground and away from the Railway line;

(g) what exactly is the difficulty with the Government in sticking to the proposed deviation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) A proposal for making a diversion of the road near the Vadakkancheri Railway station was considered.

(b) There is an ascent; but the road when the improvement works are completed will have only a gradient of 1 in 20 for a short length at the place.

(c) The Railway line forms one boundary of the road.

(d) Yes.

(e) The road boundary near the Railway line is protected by a wall.

(f) The alignment for the diversion road will be along flat gradients away from the Railway line.

(g) Those who have houses and shops along the existing road complained against the proposed diversion. Since they have a real grievance and since the cost of improving the existing road will be less than the cost of the proposed diversion, it has been decided to adopt the existing arrangement.

Protector of the Depressed Classes.

360. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.— അധഃകൃതസംരക്ഷകൻ ഏതു സമുദായത്തിൽപെട്ടാളാണ്; അദ്ദേഹത്തിനിപ്പോൾ എത്ര വയസ്സുണ്ട്?

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Applications for the post of the Principal, Maharaja's College.

361. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to Notification No. 203 published in the Government Gazette, dated 4th Kumbham 1110.—

(a) the reasons which prompted the Government to call for applications for the post of the Principal, Maharaja's College;

(b) whether the Government has in view any standard qualifications for the post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— (a) So that they may choose the best available person for the post.

(b) The S. Os. do not fix any special qualifications for the post.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether there is anybody in the existing staff of the Maharaja's College who could be elevated to this responsible post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That question also will be considered by the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether in the opinion of the Government there is anybody in the Maharaja's College who is competent to be raised to the post of Principalship?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That question can be answered correctly only after due consideration is given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there any occasion when any Member of the existing staff officiated as the Principal of the College?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is one who has acted before.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In response to this Notification has any member of the staff applied?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One member of the Staff has applied.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—How many applications have been received till now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Till now we have received 9 applications.

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